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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant : Foss *et al.*  
Serial No. : 10/706,801  
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PROPERTIES

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Examiner : Fozia M. Hamud

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

PETITION FOR THREE-MONTH EXTENSION OF TIME

Pursuant to 37 CFR §1.136, Applicants hereby petition that the period for response to the action dated January 10, 2006, be extended for three months to and including July 10, 2006.

Enclosed is a check for \$510 for the required fee. Please apply any other necessary charges, or any credits, to Deposit Account No. 06-1050 referencing Attorney Docket No. 00398-152001.

Respectfully submitted,

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